

## **NORFOLK, VIRGINIA**

### **SPECIAL SESSION OF COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2012**

President Fraim called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m. with the following members present: Mr. Burfoot, Mr. Riddick, Mr. Smigiel, Ms. Williams, Mr. Winn, and Dr. Whibley. Mr. Protogyrou arrived at 6:20 p.m.

He thereupon called for the first item of business.

#### **A. AGENDA OVERVIEW**

The City Manager noted that the City is now administering the Senior and Disabled Tax Relief Program and is comfortable it will fall within the \$6 million cap.

He mentioned a change may be required to the shared services resolution.

He stated the Compensation Plan will be amended at the July 24 council meeting.

#### **B. COUNCIL INTERESTS**

1. Councilman Riddick: a) reiterated his concern on how the police handle mentally ill persons, citing the death of a Navy veteran while in police custody. He also stated that he felt someone with training should have responded and that officers need to be trained on how to handle persons who are mentally ill; b) expressed concern that the Huntersville pool is not open on Fridays and stated that it should be; and c) reiterated concerns with the RBI program schedule and structure and asked who runs it. He also stated that he would like to explore having it as a recreation program.
2. Councilman Winn expressed concern with city vehicles taking up the non-handicapped spaces in front of City Hall and asked that this be addressed.
3. Councilwoman Whibley commented about the golfer who was cited in Bluebird Park and asked to explore making parks more available for spontaneous use.

4. Councilwoman Williams commented on an email from the chair of the Disabilities Commission regarding problems with HRT service to the Social Security Building. She asked the Manager for a report on the matter.
5. Councilman Smigiel: a) asked that residents along proposed bike lanes be notified of pending changes and b) expressed concerns about buckling sidewalks when they occur on a driveway apron area where the homeowner is responsible. He asked who is responsible for the cost of repairs when the property is vacant or when the property owners don't make the repairs. He further commented that there are some heavier traffic areas where the city should probably fix because they create dangerous situations for people who are running or on bikes.

### **C. MOJO BONES**

Frank Duke, Director of Planning, reported:

Owner has asked to change its hours of operation, hours for sale of alcohol and entertainment.

Planning Commission recommends denial by 6-0 vote.

Mr. Smigiel addressed the matter, stated the owner has a petition signed by over 600 persons and that the civic leagues also support the request.

Mr. Burfoot stated the issue is bigger than MoJo Bones and believes the residents of the Ocean View area should be informed of the dimensions of the matter.

Mr. Winn stated the time is close to changing the regulations but does not want to do so in a knee jerk fashion and suggested holding community meetings to draft changes to be implemented by the first of the year.

### **D. DEALS 3230 TIDEWATER DRIVE**

Frank Duke, Director of Planning, reported:

- Building is undergoing a major renovation
- It needs a variance which was granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals.
- The project needs 3 waivers
- Staff and The Planning Commission recommend approval.

**E. 7-11 4803 POWHATAN AVENUE**

Frank Duke, Director of Planning, reported:

- This is a proposal for a 7-11 in the Lambert's Point neighborhood.
- It is an existing convenience store – 24 hours
- Hours for ABC sales will not change

**F. ANIMAL CARE AND ADOPTION CENTER**

Anne O'Dell, Assistant City Manager, reported:

In February the Communities and Public Safety Committee held a meeting and discussed the creation of an Animal Advisory Board for the City. In the presentation, she discussed the accomplishments and goals of the Animal Care Center and the Advisory Board. She provided an overview of activities in the Animal Care Center over time. They accept all animals that come through the doors. The overall intake at the Animal Care Center has increased by 11 percent bringing a total of 5,673 animals that have come through the doors. In 2011 it was split 50 percent cats and 50 percent dogs. She provided statistical benchmarks for average death rates, adoptions, reunions, foster care and euthanasia outcomes. She concluded the presentation with a review of the proposed Animal Control Board and its recommended members.